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Preface

This volume includes eight papers that were prepared as part of a research project by the National Bureau of Economic Research on Developing Country Debt. These papers examine other debt crises that occurred before World War II, the role of the banks during the current crisis, the effect of developed country economies on the debtors, as well as possible solutions to the debt crisis. The findings of NBER's Debt project were presented at a conference for government officials of lending and debtor countries, economists at international organizations, and representatives of banks and other private firms with interests in the debtor countries. The conference was held in Washington, D.C., from 21 through 23 September 1987.

In addition to the papers in this volume, the project also included case studies of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, the Philippines, South Korea, and Turkey. These country studies will be published in two additional volumes. A fourth book will contain shorter and slightly less technical summaries of the eight papers in this volume and the eight country studies.

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